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In the Application of:
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Serial No.: 09/554,784

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS
OF TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE
DISEASES USING A MONOCLONAL
ANTIBODY TO THE INTERLEUKIN-12
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Dear Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2002, Applicants hereby request a One-Month extension of time, extending the period for response to February 1, 2003. Please debit our Deposit Account 20-0087 in the amount of \$55.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: February 3, 2003.

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